

# THE STATE OF VIRGINIA 1915(b) PROGRAM

Project Name: Medallion II  
Proposal Approval: September 28, 1998  
Proposal Renewal Approval: November 8, 2000  
Proposal Renewal Approval: December 20, 2002  
Proposal Renewal Expiration: December 25, 2004

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The waiver was implemented initially in the Tidewater area of the southeastern part of the state on January 1, 1996. The waiver was expanded to areas adjacent to the Tidewater area in November 1997. On April 1, 1999 the state expanded the waiver to Richmond and the surrounding counties and on October 1, 2000 to nine additional counties in areas adjacent to Central Virginia. On October 1, 2001, the state expanded the waiver to the balance of the state except for those counties that could not support at least one managed care organization. In counties where Medallion II does not operate, Medicaid recipients remain in the state's primary care casemanagement waiver known as Medallion.

## **HEALTH CARE DELIVERY**

Beneficiaries will receive their health care through an MCO which will provide the full package of Medicaid services. The MCOs have demonstrated sufficient penetration in the areas covered by the MCOs to ensure the full range of services are available and accessible.

## **BENEFIT PACKAGE**

All Medicaid covered services are provided except MCOs may not require prior authorization for obstetrical and gynecological services, emergency services, and family planning services. School-based services, TCM, abortion, NF, chiropractic, community-based mental health rehab, ICF/MR, hospice, and State psychiatric hospital services remain under fee for service.

## **EXCLUDED SERVICES**

None of the services in the Medicaid benefit packages are excluded from the program.

## **LOCK-IN PROVISION**

Under Medallion II, a client is given 30 days to choose an MCO and then has 90 days thereafter in which he can switch to another MCO without cause. Following the 90 days, the beneficiary is restricted for the balance of the 12 months. After this, they may change for good cause.

## **ENROLLMENT BROKER**

The State uses an enrollment broker, Concera, to handle recipient education and helpline calls. The enrollment broker maintains and updates recipient MCO assignments/elections.

## **COST EFFECTIVENESS**

According to the State's renewal application, it is anticipated that Medallion II will save \$36.5 million during the current renewal period.

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